

# Decatur Daily Republican.

VOL. VIII.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1879.

NO. 33

## SPRING IS AT HAND

## J. R. RACE & CO.

Having received a large and well selected stock of

## Boys', Youth's and Children's Suits,

At an UNPRECEDENTEDLY LOW PRICE, are prepared to give extra bargains. We have manufactured a Large Line of MEN'S SUITS, and we sell them at prices that DEFY COMPETITION.

## OUR HAT DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETE!

Having just received the Latest Nobby Styles.

## Our Neckwear and Gents' Furnishing Goods Department

Shows all the Latest Novelties. Also

## White and Fancy Shirts

IN ENDLESS VARIETY.

## Our Merchant Tailoring Department!

Continues to be an important factor in our business. We have received a large line of the Latest Styles Suitings, and are prepared to give you a PERFECT FITTING GARMENT at a living price. We are now making

## BUSINESS SUITS AT THE LOW PRICE OF \$25.00 CASSIMERE PANTS FOR 5.00

And last, but not least, we would call the attention of engineers, firemen, brakemen, etc., to our NOBBY OVERSUITS, at the low price of \$1.75.

Examine our stock and prices, and be convinced that we mean what we say.

March 21—d&w

J. R. RACE & CO.

E. S. AUNGST & CO.

## LUMBER YARD —AND— PLANING MILL!



## UNDERTAKERS

And Dealers in all kinds of

## COFFINS,

Metallic Burial Cases and Caskets.

Southwest Corner 1/2 Square

DECATUR, ILL.

Residence, No. 18 West William street.

June 4—d&w

H. MUELLER & CO.,

DEALERS IN



## Gas Fixtures!

IRON, LEAD, AND BRASS PIPES AND FITTINGS, BRASS VALVES AND COCKS,

## PUMPS

RUBBER HOSE, BELTING AND PACKING, ALL KINDS OF MACHINE SUPPLIES, ENGINES, AGHOU, AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT, AND ALL KINDS OF MACHINERY REPAIRED, ALSO BLACKSMITHING, PLUMBING, STEAM AND GAS FITTING. ALL WORK WARRANTED.

Cor. E. Main and State Streets, Decatur, Illinois.

Oct. 16, 1878—d&w

FREEMAN BROS.

Will open a complete stock of

## BOOTS

## SHOES!

MAY 1st, 1879,

In the building lately occupied by

M. GOLDBURG.

No. 8

MERCHANT

STREET.

April 24—d&w

## Edward Denz, THE FASHIONABLE

## Merchant Tailor!

Has just received a New Line of the LATEST STYLES OF

Spring & Summer Goods

which he offers to sell and make up in FIRST-CLASS STYLE for the lowest possible prices ever offered in Decatur. All work warranted to it. Give him a call.

No. 25 Merchant Street

IN CENTRAL BLOCK.

March 29—d&w

## NEW

## Furniture Store!

P. B. PROVOST,

(late of the Decatur Furniture Company)

has opened a

## New and Second-Hand

Furniture Store,

First Door North of the Opera House

Entrance, Water Street,

where he will be pleased to see all his old friends and as many new ones as will favor him with a call.

Repair Work a Specialty

13¢ Straw and Husks furnished for beds on short notice.

April 21—d&w

Illinois Midland Railway

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual

Meeting of the Stockholders of the Illinois

Midland Railway Company will be held at

the office of said company, at Decatur, Illinois,

ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1879,

At 12 o'clock noon of said day, for the purpose

of electing directors, and for the transaction

of other business relating to said company.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JAMES C. LAKE, Secretary.

April 7, 1879—d&w

## LICKSHINGLE'S STORY OF SHYLOCK.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Grandfather Lickshingle sometimes calls the little children around his knee, and says that, since they insist upon it, he will tell them a story, when, at the same time, the children have not been saying a word about a story. This was the case yesterday evening, when he beckoned them from their books and said:

"Well, since you won't give me any peace, I'll improve your young minds with the story of one of Shakespeare's characters. I will tell *Shylock*," continued the old gentleman, "which I regard as one of the most interesting of all the great master's creations. *Shylock* was a bald-headed man, who kept a clothing-store in Venice, or Vincennes—anyhow, it was some place in Indiana. He kept a family of seventeen children on 10 cents a day, and laid up many ducats. Whenever a friend came along who was in a tight place for spondulicks, *Shylock* was always happy to lend him money an' help him out, charge him 50 or 60 per cent interest, an' takin' a mortgage on his friend's property as security. One day *Antonio* came along, tired and footsore, where *Shylock* was sittin' in front of his store, an' said:

"Lend me 15 cents today night."

"Give me a mortgage on your house and lot, an' you can have it."

"Alas! my friend," replied *Antonio*, "I sold my house and lot before I went to Leadville."

"Haven't you got a mule?" asked *Shylock*.

"Alas! no mule."

"But surely you've got a dog?"

"I had a good dog once; but oh! woe is me! he starved to death when I was strivin' to build up a mornin' newspaper to fill a long-felt want."

*Shylock* scratched his old bald head for a moment, an' then said:

"Well, my friend, I'm sorry for you, and I'll tell you what I'll do: Business is business, and so I'll let you have the 15 cents till Saturday night, and take a mortgage on your liver."

*Antonio* wanted the rhino very badly, not having had anything to drink since he left Omaha, and so he took the money and gave *Shylock* the mortgage as aforesaid. *Antonio* did not show up on Saturday night, not having the ready-John-Davis in his pocket to fix things, and *Shylock* swore by the bird with the broad and sweepin' wing that he would foreclose the mortgage. *Antonio* was in a great stew, and told his story to *Portia*, a female justice of the peace, who, with all the native cunning' of her sex, succeeded in gettin' *Antonio* out of *Shylock*'s clutches on the ground that, while *Shylock* could, according to the contract, take *Antonio*'s liver, he had no right to shed one drop of blood, and, if he did so, all his large stock of clothing and gents' furnishing goods was confiscated.

"I think I can recall a line or two of the famous dialogue on this particular point," said Grandfather, as he tapped his forehead with his hickory stick. "Let me see; it begins with *Portia*'s speech, thus:

"We give thee leave to cut the flesh;

"So canst thou sharp thy pruning-hook!

"And slash away. O sweetly-scented shrub!

"But hold! What!—a sweet-scented shrub!

"Not more so more than just his liver.

"It by any mischance thou takes his heart,

"It by any mischance thy gaff, his gizzard,

"Or any little odds or ends that thou mayst

"Run against him, and all that thou mayst

"Find in his body, are confestate unto the State,

"And thou art at kick'd all over town to boot."

"Shylock!—Is that the law?"

"Portia!—Thyself shall see the act."

"Portia!—Why, thou art a devil give him room of it! he's got nothing but a white liver,

anyhow!"

"And this, my little dears," said Grandfather, "is the beautiful story of *Shylock*—there being just this to add:

"Although the matter seemed to sit lightly upon him, the loss of 15 cents so preyed upon *Shylock* that he died soon after with a broken heart. In the midst of life we are in death."

Bed Ticks filled with straw or husks, by Howard & Ferguson. Jan 10—d&w

Mrs. Maggie Kearney will open her dressmaking rooms over Dr. Stoner's drug store, on Tuesday, April 1st.

March 27—d&w

NICKEL-PLATED heels, Merkle Patent Seamless Shoes, check, blue and basket top, side lace and button shoes, at Ferriss's Shoe Store.

Feb. 29—d&w

The Comfort Patent Corset—Bartree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at Jan. 23—d&w

Ladies' Corsets, Laces & Scruddas.

Feb. 1—d&w

Merkle Seamless Side-lace Shoes, for Ladies, at Ferriss's. Perfect fitting, no seams, and consequently no ripping—an elegant style, for \$2.50.

Feb. 18—d&w

Great Bargains in Carpets and Win-

dow Shades, at Linn & Scruggs',

Jan 23—d&w

Gents' Shawls—Very cheap, at Linn & Scruggs'.

dec 30—d&w

Ice Cream, soda water and lemonade at Wood's, 22 Merchant street.

apr 30—d&w—w

James C. Lake, Secretary.

April 7, 1879—d&w

## B. STINE, THE BOSS CLOTHIER!



## Youth's Clothing!

For Stylish Young Men's Trade, of any House in the City, and

Not Surpassed in Style,

Workmanship, Trimmings,

Or Price, by any House in the United States.

If you don't believe it, convince yourself by looking through the stores of our competitors, notice the fit and general style of theirs, and then come around and see ours, and we will leave it to your own judgment.

## OUR SPRING STOCK!

IN ALL ITS BRANCHES COMPLETE.

## Our Merchant Tailoring Department

A PERFECT SUCCESS,

As the many Suits we are turning out furnish the evidence.

## WILSON BROS.' SHIRTS!

MADE TO ORDER AND IN STOCK.

We are not ashamed to mention Our Prices, but wish you to remember that

## WE DEFY COMPETITION.

THURSDAY EVENING MAY 8, 1879.

EVERY man on the Kentucky Democratic State ticket served in the rebel army.

Yesterdays bill to admit the lower house of Congress for the admission of the Territory of Utah into the Union as a State.

The non-partisan judicial convention at Peoria on Tuesday nominated Judge Zane of Springfield, Judge Welch of Cassville, and Hon. Jesse J. Phillips of Hillsboro. The first-named is a Republican, and the other two Democrats.

WITHDRAWN.

F. M. Wright, Esq., of Urbana, has withdrawn from the race for circuit judge, thereby simplifying the contest considerably. This leaves seven candidates in the field—four Republicans, Davis, Smith, Wilkins and Bean, and three Democrats, Fiedlin, Reed and Nelson.

ALTHOUGH there seems to be a good deal of diversity of opinion as to the action of the President with reference to the amendment relative to the use of arms at the polls, the weight of evidence seems to indicate that he will sign it. The bill went through the House without debate, but when it was brought up by the Senate Mr. Blaine offered an amendment prohibiting any armed person within one mile of the polls at congressional elections, under penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 fine and six months to five years imprisonment, or both. This amendment is intended to prevent the presence of rifle clubs and other armed bulldozers at the polls, and if the Democrats are in earnest in their demands for a "free election" they will not hesitate to accept the amendment. If they do not, then the President should not hesitate to veto the bill.

SHOULD she tie up her desperadoes, it is believed that Texas would soon have a population of 2,000,000.

THE Bloomington (Ill.) *Pantagraph* publishes a call signed by about 3,000 legal voters of McLean county, asking John C. Reavis to be a candidate for re-election to the judgeship.

THE artless and innocent John G. Thompson, who, some years ago, made a speech from a carriage, advising the Democratic banners in Columbus, Ohio, to drive the negroes from the polls in the 1860 election, Sherman Thompson has been watching Sherman for twenty years. Any one can see to what extent he has pulled Sherman down.

THE *World* writes: "A million is a pretty round number, but that is just the number of votes which Senator Barnum set down nearly a month ago as the probable loss which the Democrats would suffer for the folly of holding extra session. Mr. Barnum is not a wild political guesser, and since he dropped his prophecy nothing has happened to make the Democratic prospect more cheerful."

THE *World* insists that the Democrats must separate the political legislation from the appropriation bills. "They have," it says, "no right, and it is not their duty, to visit the folly of the Executive on the country by refusing supplies for the public service." The backdown of the Democrats in Congress is now supplemented by the caving-in of their principal organ.

THE following choice morsel is from the *Okolona Southerner*:

"Mr. David Davis made a speech in the United States Senate on the 22d inst., in which he alluded to the late notorious Abe Lincoln in terms of fulsome flattery. We hope that the *Daily Tribune* will never again be dignified in this manner. The day is past for eulogizing the infamous traitor who plunged our country into bloodshed. Let us have no more of it."

THE *Standard Times*, in an article on Sherman as a candidate, says:

Next year, whatever the gubernatorial nomination of Ohio Republicans, Mr. Sherman is going to be a prominent candidate in the national convention. He will have a following that will come from many states. Grant out of the calculation, he will be a strong candidate as any man in the field. Everybody will agree to this, whether he be a Grant man or not. But if Grant goes before the convention, the name of John Sherman will, in all probability, be the strongest name against him. The Ohio Governorship is not needed to make him prominent. He is

the *Standard Times* Patent Process Flour retains all the nourishment contained in wheat. None of its virtues are wasted.

Dec. 10—*down*.

No means to perforate Goat Low Shoes at \$1.00 a pair—the Bonanza; consequently no receipts and no complaints.

Feb. 20—*down*.

COOKING POWDER received at *down*.

## CITY DEPARTMENT.

DECATUR will decorate.  
Buy the Magnolia Ham. [ap18-d1f]

We 0 rain—Jacksonville Journal. So do we.

FAIR AND FESTIVAL at the tabernacle, on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 15th and 16th.

THE Mattoon Presbyterian Sunday school is giving nickel concerts.

KERPLE's Queen and all the other favorite brands of cigars, at Martin's. [ap18-d1f]

ICE CREAM and strawberries, at the tabernacle, May 15th and 16th.

Hear the woman orator at the tabernacle next Monday night.

The grandest musical treat of the season at the tabernacle to night. Let everybody go.

See the novelties in parasols this evening at the New York Store.

May 8-d1w

A few day boarders can be accommodated with first-class table board at Martin's. [ap18-d1f]

MISS A. MILLER makes a specialty of ribbons, flowers, patterns and feathers.

The best assortment of canned goods in the city, at Young Bros'. [ap18-d1f]

Don't fail to see Niedermeyer, on the Mound, when in quest of first-class groceries.

A BAND of Gypsies at the tabernacle, Thursday and Friday evenings, May 15th and 16th.

TRY the "Telephone" five cent cigar, at Armstrong's.

The latest style of harness mountings—the Oriental—at J. G. Starr & Son's. May 8-d1f

The St. Nicholas is one of the best regulated hotels in the city. The carriage and bus line is one of the great conveniences of the traveling public.

For a full line of the latest sheet music, music books, instructors, violins and acousticons violin and guitar strings and musical merchandise generally, call on J. S. Hand & Co., in postoffice block. [ap18-d1f]

The old reliable clothier, I. W. Ehrman, is selling goods this season cheaper than ever, and his customers are daily increasing.

Screen at the tabernacle, May 15th and 16th.

THE WEEKLY REPUBLICAN was issued this morning. A few extra copies may be had at this office if applied for immediately.

JOHN DELANEY died at Maroa yesterday, in his 83d year. He had been ill for a long time with consumption, and had hosts of friends in every walk of life.

Streets at Colladay's billiard parlor, on East Main street, and try those elegant new tables just placed in position. They are of the latest design, and the very best manufactured. [May 1-d1f]

The highest market price will be paid for second-hand furniture, stoves, etc. New goods sold at bottom prices. Old Revere flue. Ed. Houston, agent.

March 8-d&w

The two vases sent to the city sandbank yesterday by Justice Albert are industriously breaking rock to day. They live on bread and water, per order of the court. The police say they have "spotted" a number of other loafers, who, if they don't go to work or clear out, will be furnished like employment and food.

If the person or persons who removed from the tabernacle, on the day of John T. Sweet's funeral, a 24-foot flag with a card attached bearing the name of Geo. S. Durfee & Bro., will return the same to Capt. J. W. Hartley, no questions will be asked, and much trouble will thereby be avoided.

Just received another lot of 5,000 "Moro Castle" cigars, the best 5 cent cigar in the city. We mean what we say. d3

YOUNG & NORMAN.

Wanted—Immediately, a man at this place to represent a business which is new and has no competition; can make from \$100 to \$1000 a day. Good reference given and required. Call at the St. Nicholas Hotel for VAN ALLEN.

May 6-d2d

Snow at Ham & Black's on Prairie street and buy your flour—Mr. Oliver and Sons' BAKERS. We also sell eggs, butter, corn, oats, garden and field seeds. Also implements. [ap18-d1f]

For the best sugar-cured hams and the choicest dried beef to be found in the city go to J. LINN & SON'S. May 2-d2m

See those new spring styles Ladies Slaves and Slippers, at Ferriss' Shoe Store. Jan. 25-d&w

Something new in fine parasols with an ivory memorandum card attached, to be seen at the New York Store. May 3-d1w

Men's and Boys' Shoes, of all kinds, at prices to suit the times, at CHARLES BROS. Postoffice block. May 2-d3t

E. B. PRATT, 37 North Church street, has on hand a large stock of wood cut stove length, also plenty of dry four-foot wood, cheap for cash. [ap18-d1f]

Wants looking around for bargains don't forget that the New York Store is always full of them. Try a pair of our justly celebrated 3-Button Kid Gloves for 25 cents a pair. LAMBERT & CO.

May 8-d1w

What do You Think of This?—A good 3-Button Kid Glove for 25 cents at the New York Store. [ap18-d1f]

Have your furniture repaired at HOWARD & FERGUSON'S. Jan 10-d1f

## DECORATION DAY.

Call for a Mass Meeting of Citizens at the Court House.

A number of our public spirited individuals have requested us to announce that there will be a public meeting of citizens at the court house, on this city, on Monday evening, May 12th, at half past seven o'clock, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for a proper observance of Decoration Day. It is urged that everybody—gentlemen, ladies and children,—be present without fail at the time and place above-named.

The custom of strewing the graves of our fallen heroes with beautiful flowers, is a fitting tribute to their heroic deeds.

Every patriotic person in the city and county should be present at the Monday evening meeting and take an active part in the preparations for May 30th—a day that, as heretofore, will be generally observed by millions of people throughout the country.

The indications are that there will be an abundance of flowers before the 30th, and the arrangements for the imposing observance of the day can be made with very little expense.

OLD COINS.—On his tenth round this forenoon our reporter called on Chas. M. Allison, at the Decatur National Bank. Charley has a half of old foreign and American coins, valued at \$150 or more. He has, among his collection, German shilling dated 1832; Spanish dollar, 1793; Prussian coin, 1796; five franc piece, 1748; Spanish quarter, 1733, and an American half dollar dated 1795. Ed. Carter, at W. R. Abbott's jewelry store, was then interviewed. Ed. has turned his attention, in a small way, to the collection of American and foreign one cent and half cent pieces. He has American copper coins dating back to 1791, and one or more of each intervening year up to 1830. His is a rare collection, and consists of 334 one cent pieces and 119 half cents.

MISS PHOEBE W. COZZINS, L. L. B., the distinguished attorney and advocate, of St. Louis, who is to lecture on "Some Mistakes About Eve," at the tabernacle next Monday evening, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., is recognized as one of the leading representative women of the country. She brings to the rostrum in intellectual training, culture, sound reasoning and eloquence, reinforced by dignity and refinement of manners. A graceful, witty and eloquent speaker, she holds the closest attention of an audience, and convinces by an unanswerable argument, addressed alike to brain and heart. We know of a number of people from neighboring towns who are coming here on Monday evening for the purpose of hearing this famed lady orator. No doubt the immense building will be crowded. Admission, 15 cents; reserved seats, 25 cents.

R. H. COOKE, Room UNION PASS, DEPT., CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 2, 1879. [ap18-d1f]

W. H. FANNING, ESQ., Yardmaster Wabash Railroad.

I learn that you are about starting a reading room for the boys on your road. I am delighted to hear of your project, and hope you will be successful in finding a suitable and an inviting place. You will find it money well invested, and so will your officers. If I can be of any service to you in suggesting or giving hints of any kind, or writing a letter to the editor of your paper, I would be glad to do so. Write to W. C. COOKE, General Secretary Indianapolis Wabash Reading Rooms, who will be glad to help you in any way to put things upon their feet. We have library, papers, news, and periodicals, and a reading room, if you will furnish a room for reading room. If you write, you can ask me any question about the work and I will be glad to help you. May God bless you all in this good work, is my prayer.

LOUISA SCHAFFER, Deni See.

Something New and Novel.—The Stapp's Chapel Fair and Festival, at the tabernacle, on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 16th and 17th, will be the grandest entertainments of the season. Tableaux, music, &c. A band of Gypsies will pitch their tents, and have on sale various articles of merchandise. The Gypsy Queen will sing songs appropriate for the occasion. The fortune teller will be ready to disclose the future to any who are desirous of knowing what awaits them. Supper will be served from 5 till 8 o'clock. Ice cream and strawberries, and other luxuries in abundance at reasonable rates. This will be a rare opportunity for the public to spend an evening very pleasantly and profitably.

On this occasion there will not be any voting away of articles to the annoyance of those present.

EVERYBODY KNOWS that so long as there is proud flesh in a sore or wound, it will not heal. The obstacle is speedily removed, and the flesh reunited by HENRY'S CATHARIC SALVE, the finest embodiment in existence of that supreme purifier, carbolic acid. Its emollient ingredients modify its pungent acid basis, so that it never cauterizes, stings or scarifies the diseased part. Sores and eruptions of all kinds are cured by it. Sold by S. M. IRVING, the Live Druggist.

May 7-d&w

SAFETY, efficiency, and reliability are the three cardinal virtues of a remedy, whether in the hands of a physician or in those of the people at large. For the cure of all malarial or miasmatic diseases, such as Chills and Fever, or Intermittent Fever, Dumb Chills and Chronic Enlargement of the Spleen, we have such a remedy in Dr. F. Wilholt's Anti-Periodic or Fever and Ague Tonic, the composition of which has been published by its proprietors, Wheelock, Finlay & Co., of New Orleans, and is approved by the medical profession, and for sale by all druggists.

May 7-d&w

THE Ward-Barrymore dramatic troupe arrived in Decatur at noon from Springfield on their way to Peoria, where they play "Diplomacy" to night. This is the same company that was playing in Texas at the time the actor Porter was shot and killed by a desperado in a restaurant—Barrymore, who was shot at the same time, and whose life was despaired of for awhile, has recovered, and is with his company. He and the same lady whom poor Porter defended from the insults of the Texan bully, took a lemonade, and probably something stronger, at MacMahon's saloon on the levee, soon after the arrival of the party here. No doubt it is a common custom with these two persons to take a social glass together wherever they go.

EVERYBODY KNOWS that so long as there is proud flesh in a sore or wound, it will not heal. The obstacle is speedily removed, and the flesh reunited by HENRY'S CATHARIC SALVE, the finest embodiment in existence of that supreme purifier, carbolic acid. Its emollient ingredients modify its pungent acid basis, so that it never cauterizes, stings or scarifies the diseased part. Sores and eruptions of all kinds are cured by it. Sold by S. M. IRVING, the Live Druggist.

May 7-d&w

Safe, Permanent and Complete are the cures of intermittent diseases performed by C. L. COOPER'S. Dumb Chills, Fever and Ague, and all bilious disorders are speedily eradicated from the system. Health and vigor are obtained more rapidly and more permanently by the use of this great natural antidote than by any remedy heretofore known.

It disinfects, cleanses and eliminates all malaria. As a Tonic, it acts as an Antiseptic and Blood Purifier, bringing renewed energy and vitality to the body worn down by disease.

RESPECTFULLY, PHOF. M. DELAFONTAINE.

HIGH RECOMMENDATION.

Gentlemen: This is to certify that I have examined, analyzed and tested your Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts, and find the same strong, fine, made of good material, and well put up in bottles of full measure. Your fruit coloring is free from any deleterious substance. Therefore I gladly commend the above named products of yours for family use.

Respectfully, PHOF. M. DELAFONTAINE.

For Sale—The building now occupied by J. MILLIKIN & CO., Bankers, at a bargain. Also, ten shares of bank stock of the Decatur National Bank, at less than par. Inquire of O. F. PARKER.

May 8-d1f

To Bee-keepers.—I expect to receive, on Friday or Saturday of this week, a package of Italian queens from Paul L. Viallon, of Louisiana. They are bred from imported mothers, and will be sold for \$15 each. E. A. GASTMAN.

For sale by all druggists.

April 13-d&w

FRANC. FEATRERS for sale at Linn & Scruggs'. [Nov 23-d1f]

To Bee-keepers.—I expect to receive, on Friday or Saturday of this week, a package of Italian queens from Paul L. Viallon, of Louisiana. They are bred from imported mothers, and will be sold for \$15 each. E. A. GASTMAN.

May 7-d&w

Wanted—By a steady, reliable man, any kind of employment in the city; moderate wages. References furnished. Apply at this office. [ap18-d1f]

Wanted.—Everybody in Decatur to come to our shop before next Saturday, and see the fine parlor suits we are getting out. They are certainly elegant.

HOWARD & FERGUSON.

May 8-d1f

The Old Dominion Buck Gloves, Mitts and Gauntlets, for ladies and gents, are reduced in price, and are the best gloves on the American continent, at any price.

To be had only of Linn & Scruggs'.

May 8-d1f

What do You Think of This?—A good 3-Button Kid Glove for 25 cents at the New York Store. [ap18-d1f]

Have your furniture repaired at HOWARD & FERGUSON'S. Jan 10-d1f

## THE RAILROAD READING ROOM.

A Project of Much Interest to Railroad Men and the Public Generally.

Sometime ago there appeared in these columns a statement to the effect that a number of gentlemen in this city were taking action in the matter of establishing a reading room at or near the Union depot, for the exclusive benefit of railroad men. The following communication, from Mr. W. H. Fanning, the Wabash yardmaster, a gentleman who is always active in every good work, will give our readers further information on the subject. The project is a good one, and we are glad to learn that the rooms will soon be established:

DECATUR, ILL., May 6, 1878.

MR. REPUBLICAN.—In the forepart of April, a committee of three was appointed, and I chairman of said committee, for the purpose of establishing reading rooms exclusively for railroad men at the depot. The first movement was to secure suitable rooms. The committee found but one suitable place, and that not just what it should be—Denton & Co.'s grocery store. These rooms could not be secured for less than \$15.00 per month rental; and as it is intended to make these rooms self-supporting after being once established (not wishing to call upon me for a certain amount each month to pay rent) it has been decided to put up a building suitable by subscription, the same as in other cities. We have the co-operation of Col. Andrews, General Sup't of the Wabash railway; and he gives us sufficient ground to erect a building, surrounded with shade trees of the kind necessary. The ground is not yet decided upon, but it will be either just east of the Wabash telegraph office on the corner of Morgan street and the railroad. We are negotiating for the ground first mentioned. It is intended to make this a home for railroad men and families, morally and socially, and to bring them together under different social relations, where they can meet, chat together, hold entertainments, enjoy a smoke, or for those who indulge to play some innocent games, such as chess, dominoes or checkers. Writing material will always be on hand where they can make up their reports. The tables will be spread with valuable reading, both in daily and weekly papers, books, etc. Such a place is great for the moral and social improvement of the men, and it is desired that we get this work started as soon as possible. Col. Andrews says: "Get the thing started, and then we will help you, as I am very much in favor of such works." I will say I am in receipt daily almost of greetings from other reading rooms, such as the following:

R. H. COOKE, Room UNION PASS, DEPT., CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 2, 1879. [ap18-d1f]

W. H. FANNING, Esq., Yardmaster Wabash Railroad.

I learn that you are about starting a reading room for the boys on your road. I am delighted to hear of your project, and hope you will be successful in finding a suitable and an inviting place. You will find it money well invested, and so will your officers. If I can be of any service to you in suggesting or giving hints of any kind, or writing a letter to the editor of your paper, I would be glad to do so. Write to W. C. COOKE, General Secretary Indianapolis Wabash Reading Rooms, who will be glad to help you in any way to put things upon their feet. We have library, papers, news, and periodicals, and a reading room, if you will furnish a room for reading room. If you write, you can ask me any question about the work and I will be glad to help you. May God bless you all in this good work, is my prayer.

LOUISA SCHAFFER, Deni See.

Something New and Novel.—The Stapp's Chapel Fair and Festival, at the tabernacle, on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 16th and 17th, will be the grandest entertainments of the season. Tableaux, music, &c. A band of Gypsies will pitch their tents, and have on sale various articles of merchandise. The Gypsy Queen will sing songs appropriate for the occasion. The fortune teller will be ready to disclose the future to any who are desirous of knowing what awaits them. Supper will be served from 5 till 8 o'clock. Ice cream and strawberries, and other luxuries in abundance at reasonable rates. This will be a rare opportunity for the public to spend an evening very pleasantly and profitably.

On this occasion there will not be any voting away of articles to the annoyance of those present.

</

# SAVED

TIME, PATIENCE AND MONEY,  
By always taking the Great

# WABASH

ROUTE,  
FOR ALL POINTS

NORTH, EAST, SOUTH OR WEST,  
LIGHTNING TRAINS.

Insistently on Time, with Close and Sure  
Connections

No charge of Cars to St. Louis, Hannibal,  
Quincy, Keokuk, Pella, Burlington, Kan-  
sas City, Atchison and St. Joe, and  
only one charge to all points in  
Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado,  
Arkansas and Texas.

FORMING THE  
SHORTEST AND QUICKEST

ONLY DIRECT ROUTE

From the West to all points in the East, in-  
cluding New York, Boston, Philadelphia,  
Baltimore and Washington.

Through Steers from St. Louis to Boston

1223 MILES,

The Longest Sleeping Car Line in  
the World.

Departure of Trains at Decatur Station

Main Line

GOING WEST

No. 1 Through Express 6:30 a. m.

3 Fast Line 4:15 a. m.

3 Fast Mail 5:45 a. m.

No. 2 Lightning Express 10:30 a. m.

4 Atlantic Express 11:45 a. m.

6 Accommodation 6:30 p. m.

8000 through Freight trains will carry  
passengers with tickets

Going East 9:45 a. m.

Going West 1:15 p. m.

St. Louis Division

DEPART.

No. 41 Through Express 3:50 a. m.

45 Fast Line 4:45 a. m.

45 Post Mail 4:45 p. m.

45 Mail 7:45 p. m.

No. 42 Lightning Express 10:30 a. m.

44 Atlantic Express 11:45 a. m.

44 Accommodation 9:45 p. m.

A. L. HOPKINS, R. ANDREWS,  
H. G. COOPER, General Sup't  
H. Townsend, General Passenger and Ticket  
Agent, Toledo

W. H. HARWOOD, Agent, Decatur.

Through Time by the

**I. B. & W.**

ROUTE.

EASTWARD.

TRADE, 1880.

TRADE,